



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR April 14, 2009**



DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2009
TIME: 5:04 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Hannah Bowman, Ellen Hui, Ilya Pinsky (Vice-Chairperson
Jordan Flores Anjuli Sastry, Angela Sterling-Vick, & Lamont Carter – Late)

Absent: Maggie Mei

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 10, 2009, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Bowman / Pinsky (Approved)

“That the Minutes of March 10, 2009 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

Approved (6): Flores, Bowman, Hui, Pinsky, Sterling-Vick, Sastry

Absent (1): Mei

Abstention (1): Chairperson Singh

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

A. Jim Franz, Community Development Coordinator, introduced himself as the new staff support for both the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families (ACCYF), and the Social Services and Human Relations Board (SSHRB). SSHRB is a Commission that works on youth and service assessments, and make recommendation to City Council. Mr. Franz is also a part of the Alameda Youth Speaks, along with Walt Tibbet Alameda Chief of Police, host the open forum where 15-20 teens can speak out on public safety issues. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 28th, at 4:30pm, location to be determined.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Invitation to the Teen Job Skills Workshop, Wednesday, April 29th, Alameda Main Library (Stafford Room), 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

TC Wong invited all the Youth Commissioners to attend the Teen Job Skills Workshop. This workshop provides information to teens on how to complete job applications, dressing and preparing for interviews. The event is free and there will be a raffle and food. Registration is strongly recommended.

B. Alameda Family Services Survey and Focus Group

Jeanne Kettles, Health Manager from Alameda Head Start, asked the Youth Commission if they are interested in assisting in the Survey and to form focus group to assist in one of the following:

- 1) Inventory of existing programs.
- 2) Analysis of accessibility of program(s) (cost, language, location, and culture).
- 3) Analysis of key people and other community assets that contribute to youth development in Alameda.
- 4) Analysis of community's strengths and opportunities in addressing the needs of Alameda's diverse populations. TC Wong stated that if any of the Youth Commissioners are interested to assisting, please contact him ASAP. The survey is time sensitive and due April 15th, 2009.

C. Volunteering Opportunity at the Earth Day Event on April 25th, at Washington Park

The Earth Day Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in the Earth Day Event. Seminars and educational and recreation activities are available for the Youth Commission to assist in. Please let TC Wong know by Friday, April 17, 2009.

5. New Business

A. Status on nomination of Youth Commissioner(s) (Discussion / Action Item)

TC Wong stated that the Mayor will be nominating two more Youth Commissioners in the upcoming City Council Meetings.

B. Discussion on invitation from Alameda League of Women Voters to attend the "Meet Your Public Officials" event on Thursday, April 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Harbor Bay Community Center, 3195 Mecartney Road, Alameda. (Discussion / Action Item)

Both Commissioners Carter and Sastry stated that they attended the event last year and they spoke to many elected officials to find out what is going on around the community. Audrey Lord-Hausman stated that this once a year event allows the Youth Commission to meet the public and hear their input. RS Russi stated that the Youth Commission can use this as an opportunity to network with the other Boards, Commissions, and Public Officials at the event.

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M/S/C Sastry / Sterling-Vick (Approved)

"The Youth Advisory Commission to be present at the "Meet Your Public Officials" event on Thursday, April 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Harbor Bay Community Center, 3195 Mecartney Road, Alameda."

Approved (8): Flores, Bowman, Hui, Pinsky, Sterling-Vick, Sastry, Carter, Chairperson Singh
Absent (1): Mei

C. Discussion and review of City of Temecula's Youth Master Plan (Discussion / Action Item)

RS Russi and TC Wong stated that Youth Commission should think about reviewing a Youth Master Plan from the City of Temecula. RS Russi asked the Youth Commission if they know what a Youth Master Plan is. RS Russi explained that a Master Plan is an analysis of the current services and identifying future needs that are youth focused after a series of focus groups/and surveys are done by community groups and a consultant who specialize in these areas. TC Wong stated to keep in mind that some of items identified by the City of Temecula may not pertain to Alameda. TC Wong suggested that the Commission think about what needs and services are lacking for Alameda Teens.

M/S/C Bowman / Flores (Approved)

“The Youth Advisory Commission will review the City of Temecula’s Youth Master Plan and to continue discussion of the Master Plan at future meetings”.

Approved (8): Flores, Bowman, Hui, Pinsky, Sterling-Vick, Sastry, Carter, Chairperson Singh
Absent (1): Mei

D. Discussion of 2009-2010 Youth Commission Appointments, Terms, and Promotions
(Discussion / Action Item)

TC Wong stated that the year is almost over and the Commission should start thinking about continuing to serve on the Commission for next year. TC Wong asked to Commissioners notify him by e-mail so he can forward the names to the City Clerk’s office for reappointment. **No Action Taken**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Discussion / Action Item)

A. Teen Job Skills Workshop (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Pinsky and Carter stated that the event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th, at the Library, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. This event will focus on interview skills and filling out applications. R/S Russi stated certification cards will be given to attendees which local businesses will honor and recognize their completion of the workshop if applying for a job. Food and Raffle prizes will be available. Commissioner Carter stated that he got Starbucks gift cards, and possible movie tickets. R/S Russi thanked Commissioner Carter and Pinsky for attending and providing input at the planning meeting. R/S Russi encouraged Youth Commissioners to attend the workshop and also acknowledged them for their input in planning the event.

B. Apparel, Uniform, Name Badges, Etc. (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Carter reported on the status for the AYAC polo shirts. The polo shirts will be black with the color seal w/ all white letterings (including the Established 2008), 10% increase in logo size, and cost is \$ 22.50 each, free set up charge, +tax and shipping. Commissioner Carter stated that if the Commission moved to approve the order of the shirts, Cairdea Marketing can possibly deliver the shirts by April 29th or at the next Commission meeting (May 12). Carter also stated that the polo’s can have a personalized name for an additional cost of \$ 6.50.

M/S/C Carter / Bowman (Approved)

“The Youth Advisory Commission will order the polo shirts through Cairdea Marketing with the appropriate changes”.

Approved (8): Flores, Bowman, Hui, Pinsky, Sterling-Vick, Sastry, Carter, Chairperson Singh
Absent (1): Mei

C. Reduction of Vehicle Trips at Schools (Discussion / Action)

Commissioner Pinsky requested two high school maps (Alameda High and Encinal High) for a presentation. Both Chairperson Singh and TC Wong had encountered problems with getting a visual map through GoogleMaps and Yahoo Maps. TC Wong stated that a physical map might be used, and possibly copied, then scanned into a digital file for a Power Point presentation. Chair Singh stated that she can also take pictures and use as visual tools during the presentation. TC Wong also

stated that staff is waiting for Public Works Staff to assign their staff to review. **No Action Taken**

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

RS Russi reminded the Youth Commissioners to be on time at Commission meetings.

Audrey Lord-Hausman (Resident) announced that the League of Women Voters, tonight (April 14th), is having a Pros and Cons on the current measure/ballot at 7:00 pm at the Library.

TC Wong invited the Youth Commission to come out and play at the Alameda Youth Committee (AYC) Friday Night Lights event. The 5th Annual Event is free and provided by AYC and ARPD. There will be sports activities, food, music, and fun at Woodstock Park. TC Wong suggested the Youth Commission wear their shirts to the event.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, May 12, 2009; 5:00 PM (City Hall, Room 360)

9. Adjournment 6:32 PM